



LOURDES & SHRINES OF FRANCE

12 days incl. travel or 11 days from Paris to Paris (TB)

Vacation Overview

On this vacation, follow in the footsteps of the devoted through France. Start your trip in Paris with a welcome dinner and a guided sightseeing tour featuring all major sights: Arc de Triomphe, Champs-Élysées, and the Eiffel Tower. Visit Notre Dame Cathedral; the Basilica of Sacré Coeur; Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Shrine, where the Virgin Mary appeared to St. Catherine Labouré in 1830; and St. Vincent de Paul Shrine. During an excursion to Lisieux, visit Les Buissonnets, family home of St. Therese, and the basilica. St. Therese was known as "The Little Flower" and for her charming autobiography *The Story of a Soul*. Also visit St. Peter's Cathedral, where her family attended Mass, and the Carmelite Convent, where she lived as a nun.

From Paris, board the high-speed "TGV" train to Lourdes, one of the world's most famous places of pilgrimage. Visit the Grotto where the Virgin Mary appeared to St. Bernadette in 1858, Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine, and St. Bernadette's birthplace and family home. You may wish to bathe in the healing waters and attend the "Blessing of the Sick," or join the evening's rosary and candlelight procession. You also have a full day at leisure in Lourdes.

Admire medieval Carcassonne, a medieval town and UNESCO World Heritage Site, on your way to Avignon, where you enjoy a walking tour of this pretty town where the papacy resided in the 14th century. In Paray-le-Monial, visit the Chapel of the Apparitions and the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. In Nevers, visit St. Gildard, where St. Bernadette spent her life as a nun. Finally, in Chartres, visit the magnificent cathedral, one of Europe's most celebrated shrines. Return to Paris and enjoy a farewell dinner—a perfect way to end this vacation to France!

Map



Itinerary

Day 1

(Tue.) Board your overnight transatlantic flight.

Day 2 **Arrive in Paris, France**

(Wed.) Transfer to your hotel. Balance of the day is at leisure. At 6 pm, meet your Tour Director, then enjoy this evening's welcome dinner with your traveling companions. (D)

Day 3 **Paris**

(Thu.) Sightseeing with a Local Guide features Arc de Triomphe, Louvre, Champs-Élysées, and the Eiffel Tower. Visit the BASILICA OF SACRE COEUR on Montmartre. Afterwards, visit OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL SHRINE, where the Virgin Mary appeared to St. Catherine Laboure in 1830. Then, visit the ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SHRINE, where you can see the reliquary of the saint who has inspired thousands of charities and volunteers. (B)

Day 4 **Paris**

(Fri.) The morning is dedicated to the architectural wonders of NOTRE DAME CATHEDRAL, where the relics of the Passion of the Christ can be seen. Afternoon and evening at leisure. (B)

Day 5 **Paris. Lisieux Excursion**

(Sat.) Travel to Lisieux and visit LES BUISSONNETS, family home of St. Therese. Afterwards, visit the BASILICA OF ST. THERESE. St. Therese was known as "The Little Flower" and for her charming autobiography *The Story of a Soul*. Next, visit ST. PETER'S CATHEDRAL, where her family attended Mass, and the CARMELITE

CONVENT, where she lived as a nun. Return to Paris. (B)

Day 6 Paris–Lourdes

(Sun.) Journey aboard the high-speed TGV TRAIN to Lourdes, one of the world's most famous places of pilgrimage. Visit the GROTTA where the Virgin Mary appeared to St. Bernadette in 1858. Join this evening's memorable rosary and candlelight procession. (B,D)

Day 7 Lourdes

(Mon.) Your walking tour with a Local Guide includes visits to OUR LADY OF LOURDES SHRINE and ST. BERNADETTE'S BIRTHPLACE and FAMILY HOME. You may wish to bathe in the healing waters or attend the "Blessing of the Sick." Also, you may wish to join this evening's rosary and candlelight procession. (B)

Day 8 At Leisure in Lourdes

(Tue.) Full day at leisure to further explore Lourdes on your own or join an optional excursion to the nearby Pyrenees. (B)

Day 9 Lourdes–Carcassonne–Avignon

(Wed.) First stop in Carcassonne, a medieval town and UNESCO World Heritage Site. Then, continue to Avignon. Enjoy a walk through this pretty town where the papacy resided in the 14th century. (B,D)

Day 10 Avignon–Paray-le-Monial–Nevers

(Thu.) This morning, there is time to explore the little shops of Avignon or you may wish to visit the Palace of the Popes before continuing to Paray-le-Monial, home to the CHAPEL OF THE APPARITIONS and where Jesus revealed his Sacred Heart to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque. Also, visit the BASILICA OF THE SACRED HEART. Arrive in Nevers. (B,D)

Day 11 Nevers–Chartres–Paris

(Fri.) Visit ST. GILDARD in Nevers, where St. Bernadette spent her life as a nun. See the beautiful and miraculously incorrupt body of St. Bernadette. Continue to Chartres and visit the CATHEDRAL, one of Europe's most celebrated shrines and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Return to Paris and enjoy this evening's farewell dinner. (B,D)

Day 12

(Sat.) Your homebound flight arrives the same day. (B)

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AIRPORT TRANSFER TIMES

[Details](#) about airport transfer times, prices and what's included with your vacation.

Vacation Highlights

INCLUDED FEATURES

Paris:

Welcome and farewell dinners; guided sightseeing, visit the Basilica of Sacre Coeur, Our Lady of the Miraculous

Medal Shrine, the St. Vincent de Paul Shrine, and Notre Dame Cathedral

Lisieux:

Visit Les Buissonnets, family home of St. Therese; the basilica; St. Peter's Cathedral; and the Carmelite Convent

Paris–Lourdes:

By high-speed TGV train

Lourdes:

Guided walking tour, visit the grotto, the Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine and St. Bernadette's birthplace and family home

Carcassonne:

Walk through the medieval town

Avignon:

Walk to the Palace of the Popes

Paray-le-Monial:

Visit the Chapel of the Apparitions and the Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Nevers:

Visit St. Gildard

Chartres:

Visit the cathedral

Note:

- In the rare event that the TGV train is unavailable, alternative transportation will be provided.
- September 28 departure in Lisieux for the Feast of St. Therese of Lisieux.

INSIDE VISITS

Inside visits and special features are shown in the description, including admission charges when applicable.

STANDARD INCLUDED FEATURES

[Learn more about](#) transportation, hotels, and other standard included features offered.

Accommodations

MEALS - (B) Breakfast (L) Lunch (D) Dinner

Full buffet breakfast (B); 5 three-course dinners (D), including welcome and farewell dinners in Paris.

SUPERIOR HOTELS - (D) Deluxe (SF) Superior First-Class (F) First-Class

Paris Novotel Paris Tour Eiffel (SF), **Lourdes** Grand Hotel Moderne (F), **Avignon** Mercure Cité des Papes (F), **Nevers** Mercure Pont de Loire (F), **Paris** Pullman Paris Rive Gauche (F)

Optional Excursions

Here's a list of optional excursions you can enjoy during your vacation. Whether it's a special dinner, a local show or a special behind-the-scenes glimpse into an historical site, optional excursions are a wonderful way to enrich your vacation even further. Plus, they give you flexibility. We include the must-see sites and experiences, and we also understand that people take interest in different activities and may want to craft a more personal vacation by

hand-picking optional excursions that appeal to them.

Availability is subject to sufficient participation, weather conditions, seasonal suitability, days of operation, group interests, and general feasibility for your vacation. The approximate value listed gives you a good, general idea of what you can expect to pay but may vary once you are on your vacation. Some information provided might be in a foreign currency; you can use our online [currency converter](#) for exchange rate information.

CITY: Lourdes

Gavarnie & the Pyrenees

With its historic 12th-century church and Heas Chapel, Gavarnie is a picturesque rural mountain village set in the natural landscape of the Pyrenees and is part of UNESCO's World Heritage.

Approximate value: EUR €50 per person

CITY: Paris

Dinner Party and Illumination Drive

A perfect introduction to Paris! After a full-course dinner with choices of typical French dishes, drinks included, your tour director will show you the City of Lights.

Approximate value: EUR €62 per person

Louvre (closed on Tuesday, Public Holiday, and Sundays to groups)

Let your guide bring to life the most celebrated treasures of the impressive LOUVRE MUSEUM including the famous "Mona Lisa", the masterpiece of Leonardo Da Vinci. Note: This excursion is not available to groups on Tuesdays, public holidays, and Sundays.

Approximate value: EUR €39 per person

Versailles (closed on Monday)

A short journey from Paris with your local guide to the lavish 17th-century classical palace built by Sun King Louis XIV, with its magnificent STATE APARTMENTS, Hall of Mirrors, and the Royal Chapel. Time to stroll through parts of the elegant 250-acre GARDENS. Note: This excursion is not available on Mondays and public holidays.

Approximate value: EUR €55 per person

Dates and Prices

Departure Details	Departure Date	Tour Start Date	Return Date	Land/Cruise Price Only	Status
	6/1/2010	6/2/2010	6/12/2010	\$2,509.00	Not Available
	6/29/2010	6/30/2010	7/10/2010	\$2,509.00	Not Available
	8/3/2010	8/4/2010	8/14/2010	\$2,499.00	Not Available
	8/31/2010	9/1/2010	9/11/2010	\$2,509.00	Not Available
	9/28/2010	9/29/2010	10/9/2010	\$2,509.00	Not Available

Single room supplement:

\$837

Triple room reduction per person:

\$32

Extra nights per person in Paris:

in single room \$284, in twin room \$152, in triple room \$147

US\$ Price Details

- **Applicable taxes and fees (Land-Only or Cruise-Only Vacation)**
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- We may be able to provide you with flight arrangements from your gateway city.
- Additional accommodations before or after your vacation may be available at our low prices.

Additional Information:

- Departure/arrival taxes and fares from other cities will be advised at the time of booking.
- Vacation departures, itineraries and prices are subject to change.

Guaranteed air-inclusive prices:

Air is only available to passengers traveling from the United States and only available when booked in conjunction with a land vacation. An additional \$250 non-refundable deposit is required for air booked in conjunction with any land vacation (i.e., air-inclusive vacation.) However, once your airfare is confirmed and Globus has received your full air and land deposit, your air-inclusive vacation price is guaranteed.

We also accept your reservation on a land-only basis:

While booking your vacation air-inclusive gives you various advantages, you can also choose the land-only option. But remember, airlines' special fares generally apply to very brief periods. (Our low air-inclusive fares apply throughout the year.) Plus, to get these "deals" you often are required to pay full fare at the time of booking.

Taxes & fees

Taxes and fees are subject to change and are not guaranteed until full land and air deposit are received.

Applicable Taxes and Fees (Airfare & Charges Not Included in the Price)

Air-Inclusive Vacations

Air-inclusive prices provided online include a September 11th fee up to \$10, passenger facility charges of up to \$18, Federal domestic flight segment fees of up to \$3.50 per segment and U.S. and International arrival and departure and other government imposed fees between \$200-\$375 depending on your itinerary. The total airfare price, the base airfare price, and the applicable government taxes and fees are broken-out line-by-line and shown while booking online and on the invoice after your travel is booked.

Not Included In Your Vacation Price (Air-Inclusive, Land-Only or Cruise-Only)

Federal inspection fees for the Federal U.S. Customs and Immigrations; International Air Transportation tax; agricultural tax; other per person taxes imposed by government entities: port taxes; passports; visas and vaccinations; tips to your Tour or Cruise Director, Local Host, driver, Local Guides, and/or ships' crew; gratuities on ferries, trains, and cruise ships; laundry; telephone; minibar; alcohol, beverages, and food outside of the contracted menu as presented at a hotel or restaurant (these extra items will be billed to you before leaving the hotel, ship, or restaurant); additional excursions and activities not listed as 'included' in the itinerary; airport transfers on non-qualifying flights; portage at airports and train stations; Travel Protection premiums; excess baggage fees; and all other items of a personal nature.

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